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The Southeast Rockford groundwater contamination project is a major construction project involving the installation of approximately 4 miles of water main, the connection to this newly installed system of 250 residences, and the installation of a Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) on the municipal well #35 which will supply safe water to the system.

The Region's first "REMEDIAL ACTION using REMOVAL AUTHORITY" was initiated on June 20th when I arranged a "kick-off" meeting with all necessary parties. As a result of the ROD being signed on Friday, June 14th and the \$2,000,000 ceiling exemption being signed the same day in HQ, the meeting with my ERCS engineering team, the State of Illinois Project Manager, the US EPA RPM, and various officials of the City of Rockford was to formalize various verbal agreements I had gained with Water Dept. officials and to coordinate my initial engineering efforts.

Due to the severe time constraints placed on my completing this major construction project before winter, it is necessary to take certain shortcuts to gain time. As expected, the City of Rockford was very cooperative granting these concessions, and although it cannot be assured the project will be completed before the construction season ends, every effort will be put forth in an attempt.

Starting on the 20th and continuing through the weekend, the engineering and drafting staff of the local IT Corporation office, under the direction of a consulting engineer will prepare rough specifications to allow a bid package to be "put on the street" in record time. At the present time it is anticipated that construction will commence by mid July. This is 6 weeks later than construction started on my similar project in 1990. Certain contractual "incentives" and "disincentives" will be used to encourage the successful bidder to finish ahead of schedule.